

# A MOUNTED SHOOTING "LITTLE MISS RODEO"

## It's a dream come true for this All-American girl!

Cowgirl Devin Gastelum, of Duvall, WA is "Little Miss Rodeo Washington 2009." Devin won the state run youth division that is part of the 53-year-old Miss Rodeo America tradition in Toppenish, WA last month. Along the way she also picked up the Horsemanship, Speech, Appearance, Photogenic, Presentation and Congeniality awards. This all-American green eyed 10-year-old who lives with her parents Chris and Heather, attends Stillwater Elementary School as a 5th grader. Devin enjoys riding horses, playing softball, swimming and drawing.

The day of competition started out with the Horsemanship section where she rode in an equitation class and then returned to perform an individual reining pattern. She rode her Dad's rope horse Bakker who has a much better head set and stop than her horse Sugar. Later, she was taken into a room for a panel interview with the three judges who asked her numerous horse and rodeo questions.

After that, she changed into her Modeling and Speech outfit and delivered a speech in front of

approximately 70 people. Her speech was all about the "Big Family Boots" she looks to fill one day with the deep rodeo history on her father's side. From today's cousins, Victor Aros and Cezar De La Cruz making the National Finals Rodeo in the 2008 season, all the way back to her great, great grandfather Santiago Gastelum, who was a member of the Cowboy Turtles Association, prior to it being the PRCA.

Devin started riding with mom and dad as a baby. She got her first pony, Spice, a lead line barrel horse, when she was just 3 years old. From there she has owned several other horses, and now she is riding her Mom's former barrel horse, Sugar.

Devin recently won the reserve Western National Champion Wrangler and the Reserve Washington State Wrangler in the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association. She was also a proud member of the 2008 Snohomish Valley Little League All-Star Softball team that finished runner up in the District 9 tournament where she played catcher or center field every inning of every game.

She's wanted to be a rodeo queen for years and as she puts it "It's a dream come true". Devin is looking forward to a very exciting year promoting the Western heritage and sport of rodeo by attending many rodeos, mounted shootings, parades and other community functions.



*Duvall, Washington's Devin Gastelum, seen here with her horse "Bakker," recently won the title of "Little Miss Rodeo Washington 2009." This 10-year-old 5th grader is also an active CMSA competitor, having won CMSA's Reserve Western National Champion Wrangler and the Reserve Washington State Wrangler honors.*

We are currently seeking sponsors to help Devin in her efforts, in exchange for your company name recognition on her autograph sheets and/or announcements during her appearances. For information on booking Devin for an upcoming appearance, or sponsorships please contact Heather Gastelum at rockinhonline@hotmail.com or (425) 844-2513.

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